

State of Hawaii
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of Forestry and Wildlife
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

January 26, 2007

Chairperson and Members
Board of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii

Land Board Members:

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH
MALAMA KAHALAWAI, INC. TO IMPLEMENT THE FY07 WATERSHED
MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM**

This Board Submittal approves contractual relationships for a watershed management project on Maui and authorizes the Chairperson to enter into contract for these services, subject to the certification of availability of funds and approval as to form by the Attorney General's Office.

BACKGROUND: The Department of Land and Natural Resources published a Request for Proposal (RFP) on May 15, 2006 on the State Procurement Office website for the FY07 Watershed Management Grant (WMG) Program, funded by the State Natural Area Reserve Special Fund. The primary purpose of the Watershed Management Grant Program is to support the coordination and implementation of landscape-level watershed protection involving landowners (both public and private), government agencies, and non-governmental organizations. Proposals for this grant work to address goals and objectives identified in existing watershed management plans as developed by watershed partnerships and/or with private landowners.

The Division of Forestry and Wildlife received 18 proposals, requesting close to \$4.5 million dollars in funding. A committee composed of DLNR (DOFAW and CWRM) and USFWS staff reviewed each application and ranked them, utilizing the criteria outlined in the RFP. Primary criteria evaluated the extent to which the proposal: addressed priorities identified within watershed management plans or work/action plans; supported coordination of regional efforts and on-the-ground management actions; could be successfully completed by May 31, 2008; outlined management actions protecting areas of high-quality native vegetation; and evidenced effective use of past WMG funding. Secondary evaluation criteria included: use of State funds to secure additional funding; activities on State land or involving multiple landowners; management actions that benefited rare and endangered native species; management actions in critical habitat areas or other areas identified under U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recovery or implementation plans; implemented Hawaii's Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy; and cost.

A total of 16 projects were selected for funding in FY07 supporting watershed management on five islands (attachment A). These projects support the ongoing efforts of the Department of Land and Natural Resources to protect important watersheds as well as habitat for native species in cooperation with other agencies and private landowners. Contract approvals for a portion of the projects were approved in a previous board meeting on 9/8/06. Currently, an additional contract approval is requested for the

following awarded project:

<u>Watershed Management Project</u>	<u>Contract Recipient</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
W30-Implementation of the West Maui Mountains Watershed Partnership Management Plan: To support management of core 15,000 acres out of 48,000 acre project area by conducting on-the-ground management of feral animals, invasive weeds, rare species, human impacts, and public education and outreach to improve watershed functions and protection of native Hawaiian forests.	Malama Kahalawai, Inc. (501(c)3 for the West Maui Mountains Watershed Partnership).	\$37,000*

*Note: The full awarded amount for the entire project was \$300,000. As identified in the awarded proposal, Malama Kahalawai, Inc. will be the contract entity for a portion of the project funds, with the rest of the funds managed by the Pacific Cooperative Studies Unit of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i and the Division of Forestry and Wildlife.

CONTRACT PROVISIONS:

The contract will be negotiated with the identified organization to implement the projects according to their awarded proposal. Upon approval by the Board, the Division will submit the contract for review and approval as to form by the Attorney General, and process the document for signature by the Chairperson.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board authorizes the Chairperson to negotiate and execute the contract for watershed management as outlined above subject to:

- 1) Certification of availability of funds by the comptroller.
- 2) Approval as to form by the Attorney General's Office.

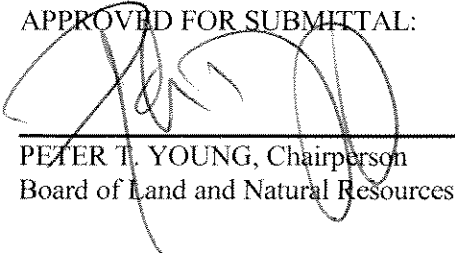
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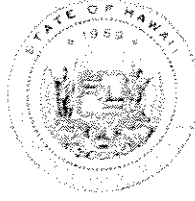


PAUL J. CONRY, Administrator
Division of Forestry and Wildlife

Attachment

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:


PETER T. YOUNG, Chairperson
Board of Land and Natural Resources

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AWARDED PROPOSALS (in ranking order from first to last)	AWARDED AMOUNT
Ko'olau Mountains Watershed Partnership (KMWP) priority area invasive weed surveys	\$31,571
Three Mountain Alliance watershed protection projects	\$358,758
Ko'olau Mountains Watershed partnership coordination FY07	\$70,078
Kohala Watershed Partnership 07 watershed management grant program	\$145,000
Dry and mesic forest restoration: Kahikinui Moku and PuuWaaWaa Forest Bird Sanctuary	\$180,000
Ko'olau Mountains Watershed Partnership (KMWP) management plan implementation FY07	\$225,002
Watershed protection in East Maui	\$447,000
Protection and restoration of remnant koa watershed forests of Leeward Haleakalā Watershed Restoration Partnership	\$380,000
Implementation of the West Maui Mountains Watershed Partnership management plan	\$300,000
East Moloka'i Watershed Partnership increasing weed and goat control effort efficiency FY07/08	\$75,000
Kāhili Ginger containment project FY07/08	\$141,629
Alaka'i fence planning project FY07/08	\$20,000
Native habitat restoration in the PuuWaaWaa Ahupua'a Preserve	\$8,964
Proposal for stream gages and rain gages pertaining to watershed partnerships	\$132,000
Mauna Kea watershed development	\$25,000
Watershed planning for forest reserves	\$60,000

Peter T. Young, Chief Procurement Officer, DLNR

07/20/04
Date